

Unit 9 Multiple Choice Answers and Explanations

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1. Learning Objective 9.3.C Contextualization

Events described in the passage have most contributed to which of the following developments after 1900?	
a. Debates about the nature and causes of climate change	This answer is correct. Scientific data and reports by international agencies have increased the discussion about climate change and its causes.
b. Increased environmental knowledge and improved technology led to a more interconnected world	This answer is incorrect. Information about climate change has not led to a more interconnected world. Globalization is due more to economic activity and international cooperation.
c. The spread of epidemic diseases linked to climate change	This answer is incorrect. The events described in the document are not linked to the spread of epidemic diseases. Closer contact between people across the globe is more responsible for that.
d. The further development of a global economy	This answer is incorrect. The events described in the passage have not helped to develop the global economy.

2. Learning Objective 9.8.H Causation

Which development helps to explain why the United Nations created this report?	
a. Following the World Wars the UN was tasked with preventing future Global Depressions and is concerned about the possible economic consequences of Climate Change	This answer is incorrect. The United Nations was not formed with the goal of stopping Global Depressions. It was created to increase international cooperation and prevent war.
b. The UN was formed to fight the environmental inequality that developed with globalization	This answer is incorrect. The United Nations was not formed with the goal of fighting environmental inequality. It was created to increase international cooperation and prevent war.
c. Climate change may lead to conflicts and the UN is an international organization that formed with the stated goal of maintaining world peace and facilitating international cooperation	This answer is correct. Climate change has led to increased tension and competition for resources. Therefore, the UN is concerned with the long-term effects of climate change because of its task to prevent future wars. In the name of international cooperation the United Nations was a part of creating the Kyoto Protocol in 1995 and the Paris Agreement in 2015 which both sought to ameliorate the effects of climate change .
d. The United Nations was created to further the interests of less developed nations	This answer is incorrect. The United Nations was not formed for this purpose. It was created to increase international cooperation and prevent war.

3. Learning Objective 9.7.G. Contextualization

On December 5, 2019 there was a protest at the World Bank Headquarters demanding that they stop investing in fossil fuel industries. What might a historian best use this as evidence of?

a. The diffusion of Enlightenment thought that questioned established traditions and led to rebellions	This answer is incorrect. While the Enlightenment philosophers felt that people should be able to freely express their disappointment in institutions, this event is far removed from the Enlightenment. It is not the best possible answer.
b. Protests inspired by democratic ideals that spread across the Atlantic in the 19th century	This answer is incorrect. The protest is not in the name of democratic ideals, although the ability to protest peacefully is in line with democratic ideas. Additionally, this took place in the 21st century.
c. Responses to the environmental impact of economic globalization	This answer is correct. The World Bank is an international organization that gives loans to less developed countries. In return they help those countries restructure their economies with free-market principles. This is an example of economic globalization. Their investments in fossil fuel industries around the world is another example of economic globalization which these protestors feel is contributing to climate change.
d. A response to growing discontent with imperial rule by the World Bank	This answer is incorrect. The World Bank is not connected to imperial rule.

4. Learning Objective 9.4.D Analyzing Historical Sources. Secondary Sources.

According to the <u>first paragraph</u> of the passage, some historians believe the interpretation of Zheng He's voyages as peaceful has been used in what way?	
a. To legitimize the global interests of the current Chinese government	This answer is correct. Following China's move in the 1980s towards more free-market economic policies, China has continued to do business throughout the world. They are using the image Zheng He to indicate their benign intentions.
b. To legitimize the rule of the Ming Dynasty	This answer is incorrect. The current government of China has little interest in legitimizing the rule of the Ming dynasty. The nearly 300 year rule of the Ming Dynasty has legitimized them to history.
c. As Cold War propaganda	This answer is incorrect. The passage indicates that this image of Zheng He is being presented in "our time." The source was published in 2019, which is decades past the end of the Cold War.
d. To undermine the importance of European voyages to the Indian Ocean	This answer is incorrect. While the first paragraph certainly indicates an alternate vision for how the world might have been if the voyages of the Ming Dynasty had continued, European voyages are not directly discussed.

5. Learning Objective 9.4.D Contextualization

China's more global economic policies reflect what trend of the 20th century?	
a. Movements to protest the inequality of economic global integration	This answer is incorrect. China has not been motivated by protests to change economic or governmental policies.
b. Consumer culture became more globalized	This answer is incorrect. While this has certainly been the case in China, it does not drive their global economic policies.
c. The development of international organizations	This answer is incorrect. China did not become interested in global economic policies because of international organizations. They were looking to improve their economy.
d. By the end of the Cold War many government's encouraged free-trade market economic policies	This answer is correct. In the 1980s Deng Xiaoping rose to power and moved China towards more free-market economic policies with great success.

6. Learning Objective 6.2.B Causation

In the first paragraph Tan Ta Sen envisioned an alternate history where expansion was led by the Chinese, which he believes might have shaped the world much differently. Which of the following events had the biggest impact on China and might have been stopped if the Chinese controlled the Indian Ocean c. 1450 to c. 1900?

a. The Meiji Restoration	This answer is incorrect. The Meiji Restoration did eventually lead to imperialism in China by Japan, but Zheng He's voyages were in the Indian Ocean where Japan was not a player.
b. The Spanish conquest of the Americas	This answer is incorrect. The Spanish conquest of America would not have been altered by the presence of the Chinese in the Indian Ocean.
c. The Industrial Revolution	This answer is incorrect. The Industrial Revolution began for a number of reasons, most of which would not have changed significantly with China's domination of the Indian Ocean basin.
d. European Imperialism	This answer is correct. European Imperialism stemmed from Europe's ability to dominate and control parts of Asia. Tan Ta Sen is most likely imagining a world where China had exerted that control more peacefully, preventing European domination.

7. Learning Objective 4.2.C Contextualization

At nearly the same time as Zheng He's voyages in the early 15th century, what other states was the first in its region to start maritime voyages?

a. The Spanish	This answer is incorrect. The Spanish began their voyages in 1492 with Christopher Columbus's first journey to America.
b. The Mughals	This answer is incorrect. The Mughals were a land-based empire and were not interested in expanding their dominion by sea which is evident in the fact that their navy was the weakest part of their military.
c. The Dutch	This answer is incorrect. The Dutch began their explorations c. 1600
d. The Portuguese	This answer is correct. The Portuguese were the first to explore the west coast of Africa and eventually journey into the Indian Ocean. Their earliest voyages are from 1415 to 1488. They did not reach the Indian Ocean until 1497. Zheng He's voyages were 1405 to 1433.

8. Learning Objective 9.6.F Contextualization

What historical process is being depicted on the map?	
a. Increased cross-cultural interactions leading to the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions	This answer is incorrect. The images on the map are not directly connected with literary, artistic or cultural traditions. This is not the best possible answer.
b. Consumer culture became globalized and transcended national borders	This answer is correct. All of the brands on the map are connected with consumer culture that is now spread across the globe.
c. Popular support for the American Government after 1900	This answer is incorrect. There is nothing on the map to indicate feelings for or against the American government.
d. The spread of popular cultural across the globe due to the internet	This answer is incorrect. Popular culture is more about the arts than consumerism.

9. Learning Objective 9.4.D Causation

What other historical development has led to the trend being depicted on the map?	
a. Increasing commercialization due to the labor of peasant agriculture and artisans	This answer is incorrect. Commercialization is linked more to industrial output than peasant or artisan labor in the contemporary era.
b. The growth in interregional trade in luxury goods	This answer is incorrect. The brands shown on the map are mostly not linked to luxury items.
c. Multinational corporations that reflect the spread of practices associated with free-market economics throughout the world	This answer is correct. Many of the corporations on the map run their businesses out of headquarters located in more than one country.
d. The expansion of the American empire	This answer is incorrect. While it may sometimes seem that American culture has dominated the globe, this is not linked to the political process of imperialism.

10. Learning Objective 9.1.A

Which of the following 20th century developments helped to create the culture depicted on the map?	
a. New modes of communication and transportation reduced the problems of geographic distance	This answer is correct. Transportation technologies like airplanes and shipping containers have made the movement of consumer goods across the globe easy and increased globalization.
b. The Green Revolution and commercial agriculture increased productivity and sustained the earth's growing population	This answer is incorrect. Increased agricultural production is not connected to globalization of consumer culture.
c. Human activity contributed to deforestation, desertification and declining air quality	This answer is incorrect. While globalized consumer culture may have a negative impact on the environment due to increased burning of fossil fuels to move goods, these consequences are an effect of consumer culture and the question asks for a cause.
d. New international organizations facilitate international cooperation	This answer is incorrect. To some degree, this may be true. Groups like the World Trade Organization set the rules for trade, but letter A is a more direct connection to the image on the map and a better choice.

11. Learning Objective 9.6.F

The passage above could best be used as evidence to support which of the following twentieth century developments?	
a. The use of popular culture and entertainment to pacify the people by global governments	This answer is incorrect. While governments have certainly tried to spread popular culture to influence other people, such as the Americans broadcasting radio programs into the Soviet Union, the passage indicates that Indian culture has spread because people like it and does mention it being a tool of governments
b. Arts and entertainment increasingly reflect the political relationships of allied nations	This answer is incorrect. The spread of popular culture from India to Britain, Australia and beyond has nothing to do with military alliances according to the passage.
c. Entertainment and popular culture increasingly reflected the influence of a globalized society	This answer is correct. As people have become more connected popular culture has spread across the globe. The popularity of Indian movies and music can be attributed to the ease with which films can move and migrant communities from India around the world.
d. The work of artisans became more significant due to increased globalization	This answer is incorrect. The passage does not mention the work of artisans.

12. Learning Objective 8.6.H

What happened in the 20th century that most likely led to the development of British culture as described in the passage?	
a. Increased trade with Asia as a result of increased economic liberalization	This answer is incorrect. Britain was already economically liberal far before the 20th century. While trade with Asia, especially China, increased in the 20th century this is not the best answer to the question.
b. The migration of former colonial subjects to the imperial metropole	This answer is correct. As people from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh moved to Britain for economic opportunities they brought their culture with them. This was a trend that accelerated in the 20th century.
c. Intensification of Indian Ocean trade thanks to shipping containers	This answer is incorrect. It does not directly connect to Britain and is not the best answer for explaining the change to British culture.
d. Increased trade between India and Britain due to the British East India Company	This answer is incorrect. The British East India Company no longer existed by the end of the 19th century.